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Delaware DOC Completes Security Camera Implementation at JTVCC

Smyrna, DE – In accordance with recommendation 8.4 of Governor John Carney's <u>Independent Review</u>, the Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) is proud to announce it has completed the security camera implementation at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) in Smyrna ten months ahead of schedule. With support from the Governor and members of the General Assembly, \$2.5 Million was earmarked for the project, which began in October 2017.

The project is a clear demonstration of how DOC's Information Technology (IT) Director Phillip Winder's principle of "unity is strength" was exercised by his entire team. With collaboration between DOC IT staff, Correctional Officer Electronic Technicians, JTVCC leadership and Assurance Media, the contractor who assisted with the task, the two-year project was completed in 14 months. The project included the installation of 714 security cameras and installation of supporting infrastructure and viewing stations. The addition of security cameras and viewing stations significantly increases the safety and security of staff and inmates housed at JTVCC.

"The safety of staff and inmates is a priority at all DOC facilities," said Commissioner Perry Phelps. "Without talented IT professionals and support from Governor Carney and the legislature, this project would not have been possible. We could not be more thankful for their advocacy on behalf of our DOC family."